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Mississippi river. It cannot be commended as having any value historically.

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Stories of old Kentucky. By Martha Grassham Purcel, member of the board of education, Paducah, Kentucky. (New York, Cincinnati, and Chicago: American Book Company, 1915. 192 p. \$.66)

Scouting with Daniel Boone. By Everett T. Tomlinson. [Pioneer scout series.] (Garden City, New York: Doubleday, Page and Company, 1914. 303 p. \$1.20 net)

Each of these books deals largely with Daniel Boone and the pioneer days of Kentucky. The first is of somewhat wider scope, as it begins with prehistoric times and contains some matter which bears on later periods of Kentucky history. The narrative is not continuous, but is broken into the form of stories. These are told in unusually well-selected words, adapted to the historical reading of children in the graded schools. The latter part of the book is, perhaps, not quite so successful, as the effort to include some account of Kentucky scientists, artists, literary men, and historians results in what is sometimes no more than a mere list of names. As a whole, however, the work is excellently done.

Mr. Tomlinson's book, on the other hand, is a novel for boys somewhat on the Henty plan. Daniel Boone is the central figure and that truly philosophical pioneer is refined into a veritable Marcus Aurelius. To hold the interest of the boy-readers a youthful hero is provided, whose fortunes link themselves to those of Boone. But this is not enough, and the writer frankly tells the reader that he has made use of "a few adventures on the border which strictly do not belong to this tale," though every one is "true." The author believes there is no better way of inspiring patriotism than by interesting our boys in such heroic men as Daniel Boone. Without attempting to dispute this thesis, one may respectfully question the advisability of attempting to arouse such interest by blurring, with regard to characters that are really historical, the distinction between history and fiction.

Slavery in Missouri, 1804-1865. By Harrison Anthony Trexler, Ph.B., assistant professor of economic history, University of Montana. [Johns Hopkins University studies in historical and political science, series xxxii, no. 2.] (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1914. 259 p. \$1.50)

Mr. Trexler has performed a twofold service: he has written a scholarly and well-organized book on an important subject; and he has, indirectly, demonstrated the value, for historical purposes, of a class of material which, although very extensive, has been heretofore almost untouched by